mission is proposed to be set-up to strengthen bilateral cooperation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which commission would start functioing?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVASINH SOLANKI): (a) to (c). India and Kuwait signed a cooperation agreement on February 16, 1992 during my official visit to Kuwait. The agreement provides for, inter alia, establishment of a Joint commission which would be set up as soon as the procedural formalities are completed by the two countries.

[*English*]

Damage Caused by Earthquake

2760. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether several cracks have developed in the road between Uttarkashi-Gangotri and Techri-Buda Kedarnath;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have conducted any survey in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken to prevent the landslides?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMCHANDRAN): (a) to (e). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

[*Translation*]

Applications for Registration of Voluntary Organisations

2761. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the norms fixed for getting foreign contribution by the voluntary organisation;

(b) the number of applications of such organisations lying pending for registration in Bihar; and

(c) the steps taken to expedite the registration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI M.M. JACOB); (a) Sir, the receipt and utilisation of foreign contribution by certain categories of associations and persions is regulated under the provisions of he foreign contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976.

(b) Sixty nine applications were pending for registrations as on 31.12. 1991.

(c) Applications are dealt with expeditiously when the associations have furnished complete information.

Cooperative Storage Project

2762. SHRI LALIT ORAON: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the assistance provided by Nationa Cooperative Development Corporation under Erupean Economic Community 'Fundec Cooperative Storage project' during the last three years, State-wise;